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Following message just received from Rabat [REDACTED]

EO 12958 3.3(b)(1)>25Yrs
(C)

1. AMBASSADOR [REDACTED] MET WITH SEPABODY AT 001000Z AT SEPABODY'S REQUEST. AMBASSADOR TOLD SEPABODY THAT WASHINGTON'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE THAT ALL CONTACTS WITH SHAH [REDACTED] SEPABODY SAID HE HAS ACCEPTED POSITION (FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST) OF PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE SHAH.

2. SEPABODY SAID SHAH MUST LEAVE MOROCCO WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS AND ONLY PLACE HE CAN GO IS TO UNITED STATES. HE NEEDS PLACE TO STAY WHICH IS SECLUDED AND OUT OF THE WAY FOR THE FIRST FOUR TO SIX WEEKS WHILE HE PUTS HIMSELF TOGETHER, ENGAGES LAWYER, BUYS PRIVATE ESTATE, ETC. WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT IS A SAFEHOUSE. SEPABODY SAID ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MODEST. THEY NEED NOT BE PALATIAL. SHAH'S RETINUE INCLUDING BODYGUARDS NUMBERS TWENTY.

3. SHAH CURRENTLY LOOKING OVER PROSPECTUS FOR ABOUT 100 PRIVATE ESTATES IN U.S. AND PLANS TO BUY ONE WHEN HE GETS PROPER COUNSEL. HE WOULD LIKE SOME HELP FROM US TO LOCATE SUITABLE COUNSEL. AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION REF D RE FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD BE

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RETABLE. CAN HE LOCATE MR. ROBERTS AND GET HIM
IN WITH SHAH?

4. GEPABODY SAID SHAH'S CONTINUED PRESENCE HERE
EMBARRASSMENT TO SHAH AND TO KING HASSAN. HE CANNOT
TO FRANCE OR SWITZERLAND AND U.K. HAS NOT EVEN
GIVEN HIM WITH RESPONSE. HE SEES U.S. AS HIS ONLY
REFUGE.

5. SHAH PLANS CHARTER HIS OWN AIRCRAFT FOR
TRIP. GEPABODY SAID CHARTER MAY BE HIRED IN U.S., BUT
IS NOT SURE. IN ANY CASE HE HOPES PLANE CAN BE
RECEIVED AT MILITARY FIELD IN U.S.

6. ZAHEDI ARRIVED HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND SHAH
ZAHEDI AND GEPABODY WILL BE DINING TOGETHER TONIGHT.
GAVE GEPABODY HOME PHONE NUMBER, ETC. AND EXPECT
PAGE WILL PICK UP RAPIDLY FROM HERE ON. RVW 6MAR99
DRY COPY BY [REDACTED] ~~ALL SECRET.~~